

## WARDEN MESSAGE

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This Warden Message is to remind U.S. citizens to remain vigilant and maintain a high level of security awareness as recommended in the recently released State Department [Worldwide Caution](#). Media reports of the upcoming threatened Qur'an burning by a small Gainesville, Florida, group could affect the security of U.S. citizens overseas. The group in Gainesville plans a public Qur'an burning on church grounds at 1800-2100 EDT (2300-0200 local Algiers time) this Saturday, September 11, 2010.

News reports indicate this group intends to follow through with its scheduled protest on September 11, despite reports of widespread domestic U.S. opposition to the planned action. If the event proceeds, it could trigger reaction and protests in Muslim countries around the world, possibly including Algeria. Even demonstrations or events that are intended to be peaceful can sometimes turn confrontational and escalate into violence. We therefore advise U.S. citizens to avoid areas where crowds are assembling if possible and to exercise caution when in the vicinity of large public gatherings.

*For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada or, for callers in other areas, by calling a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).*

*The U.S. Embassy is located at 5 Chemin Cheikh Bachir El Ibrahimi, 16030, in El-Biar. The 2-hour-a-day telephone number is (213) 0770 08 2000. For American Citizens Services during business hours, please call (213) 0770 08 2032. For visa inquiries, call (213) 0770 08 2240 between 1pm and 4pm. The fax number is (213) 21 60 73 35.*

*You can also find the U.S. Embassy Algiers Visa Section and U.S. Embassy Algiers American Citizens Services on Facebook, where the latest Consular Section Algiers information appears.*